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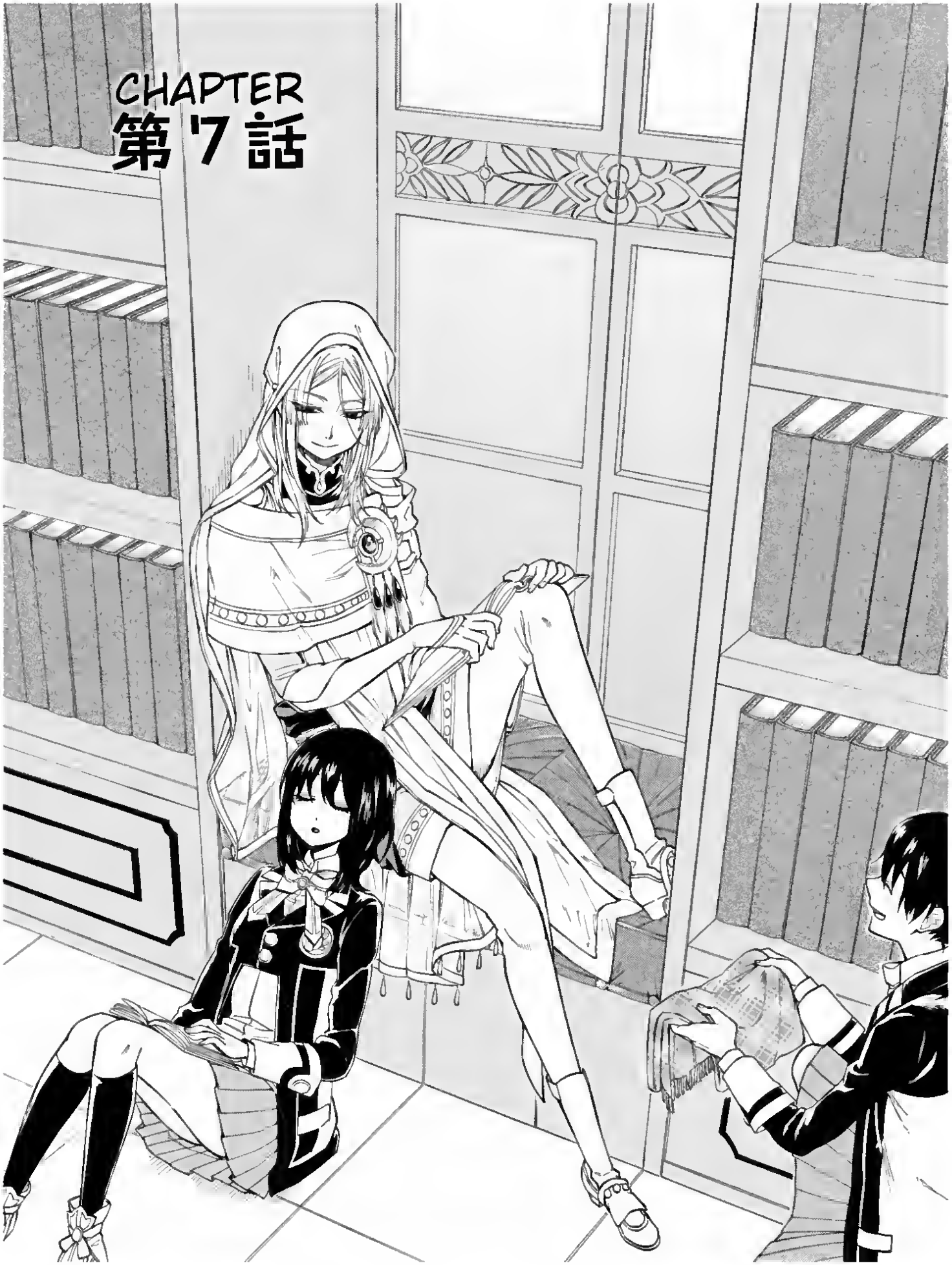
CHAPTER
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OOH!
WE WERE LOST FOR THREE HOURS, BUT WE MADE IT
GOOD WORK, TOTON-KUN! AS EXPECTED OF THE LOREKEEPER
THE TEMPLE'S GUARDIAN!
MEJIS, YOU BELIEVED HIM? HE CAME UP WITH THAT TITLE HIMSELF! ANY OF THE LOCALS COULD'VE GUIDED US
WHAT?!
THIS IS THE TEMPLE BUILT BY THE FIRST HOLY MAIDEN
WE'VE ONLY JUST MET TOTON AND HE'S ALREADY BECOME FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE!
FRIENDS ... SURE...
HA HA
HA
THEY'RE PRETTY ENERG-ETIC...
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU GUYS BARGED INTO OUR FOREST!
FOR SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE HOLY MAIDEN AND ALMOST ATTACKED US, YOU'RE ONE TO TALK!
WE REEFLOTS ARE THE GENUINE LORE-KEEPER HOUSE-HOLD
SEL-ECTED BY THE HOLY MAIDEN AND THE TEMPLE

WE'RE GOING TO EXPLORE THIS TEMPLE. IT WAS BUILT DURING THE FIRST HOLY MAIDEN'S ERA. SINCE THIS IS A TOP SECRET MISSION, WE'RE GOING UNDERCOVER AGAINST THE ENEMY AND EVEN FELLOW COUNTRYMEN
THE SECOND PRINCE HAS ALSO COME ALONG, SO WE'RE POSING AS "NOBLES AND RETINUE"
SATOKI
YES!
LET ME EXPLAIN TODAY'S PLANS TO YOU AGAIN, SINCE WE LEFT IN QUITE A HURRY
?!
RELAX. IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE. I'M JUST SURPRISED
SO, SAME AS ALWAYS, I GUESS...
WE DON'T WANT TO STAND OUT
ALSO...
...
HE HASN'T TALKED TO ME MUCH SINCE THE "INDIRECT QUESTIONING THROUGH TENDOU-SAN", SO I THOUGHT HE WAS MAD AT ME...
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN
IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME
JUST FORGET IT AND CARRY OUT YOUR DUTY
... OK
I'M NOT ANGRY
ACTUALLY, HE MIGHT STILL BE MAD AT ME...

ROS AND THE OTHERS ARE GOING TO MAKE SURE THE TEMPLE IS SAFE, SO THEY SAID TO WAIT A BIT
OKAY!
TEACHER?!
WHAT?
HOUMA-SAN!
AND TEACHER!
ALSO ABOUT THE TEMPLE, IT MIGHT BE THAT YOU AND HARUKA...
BY THE WAY, YOU LOOK GOOD IN THOSE CLOTHES!
I'M JEALOUS! I HAVE TO WEAR MY UNIFORM BECAUSE EVERYONE THINKS IT'S "HOLY MAIDEN'S ATTIRE"
OH, WELL KUSHA-SAN MADE ME WEAR THIS...
KUSHA-DONO'S CONDITION FOR YOU TRAVELING WITH HARUKA WAS THAT YOU WEAR DIFFERENT CLOTHING THAN HER...
WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO HARUKA FOR SPEAKING WITH THE KING SO THAT WE COULD EVEN HAVE THAT
SORRY FOR DRAGGING YOU ALONG WITH ME LIKE THIS...
NO, NO PROB-LEM!
YOU'RE HELPING ME!
WAVE
WAVE

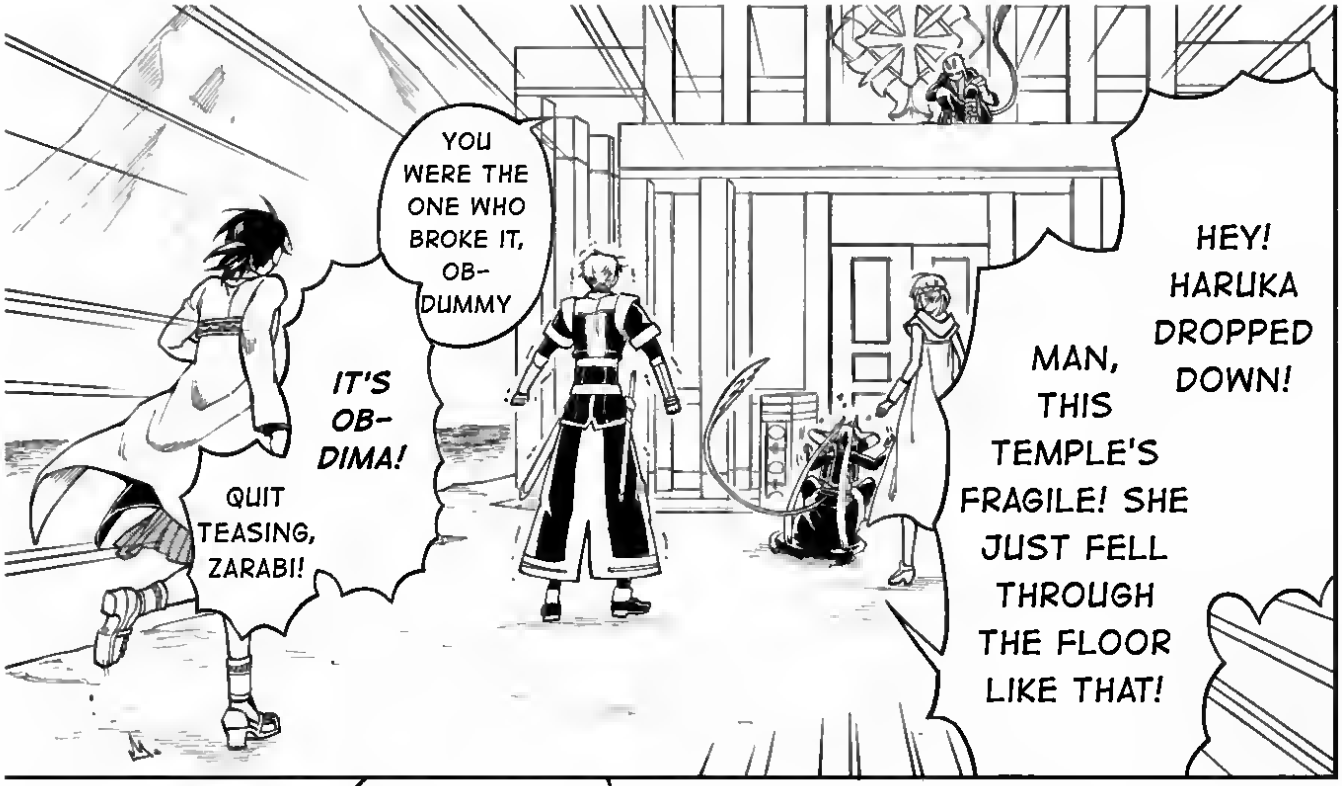
I SEE ...
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DISCOVER SOME NEW INFORM-ATION
THAT IS A POSSIBILITY. THE HOLY MAIDEN'S TEMPLE, "*LEGAM RESTI**, THE RUIN OF BONDS", CAN ONLY BE OPENED BY THE HOLY MAIDEN, SO THERE ARE ALMOST NO DOCUMENTS REGARDING IT
*LATIN FOR "WRITING RESTORED"
SINCE IT'S A VERY OLD TEMPLE, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION ON HOW TO RETURN TO OUR WORLD
EVEN IF IT'S JUST YOU, HOUMA-SAN
WE CAME HERE BECAUSE THE TEMPLE CAN UNLOCK THE FULL POWER OF THE HOLY MAIDEN, RIGHT?
Eh?
THE ABILITY WAS IN-COMPLETE?!
YES, ACCORDING TO THE LEGENDS
IT APPEARS THAT EACH GENERATION OF HOLY MAIDEN HAS VISITED THE TEMPLE AND INCREASED THE POSSIBLE THINGS SHE CAN MATERIALIZE
AT PRESENT, HARUKA'S ABILITY
SHOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO MATERIALIZE SWORDS
OH YEAH...
ONLY SWORDS...
SO THAT'S HOW IT WORKS...
AH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
IT'S TRUE THAT ONLY SWORDS HAVE COME OUT FOR ME SO FAR...

MA-
MASTER, UM-
WHAT'S UP?
WAIT...?
CHAPTER 2 REFERENCE
HOLY MAIDEN, THIS WAY PLEASE
OKAY!
TOTON SAYS ONLY YOU CAN OPEN THE DOOR
YOU FOOL! DON'T USE YOUR POWER OUT IN THE OPEN! WHAT IF YOU WERE SEEN?!
HIDE
WHA-
WAIT UNTIL DINNER TIME
NO, NOT THAT!
I MADE THIS WITH MY POWER!
THIS...
TOO CLOSE!
...YOU CON-JURED THAT?

I'VE BEEN PRACTICING, AND I FOUND OUT THAT I COULD MAKE THINGS OTHER THAN WEAPONS AS LONG AS I STAYED WITHIN THE ABILITY'S DEFINITION
GLOW
HIDE
SINCE FORKS CAN "STAB" AND KITCHEN KNIVES CAN "CUT"
AND ALSO ...
I CAN MAKE OTHER WEAPONS IF I THINK OF THEM
ZAP
...
SO...
ABOUT THAT CONVER-SATION EARLIER...
MIVA-DONO! THE HOLY MAIDEN IS CALLING FOR YOU!
AH... YEAH...

WE'LL TALK LATER
...
...SO MAYBE I'M NOT THE HOLY MAIDEN AFTER ALL
BUT THE ABILITY SEEMS TO BE THE SAME...
LAND

HARUKA!
FO-
OU-
UND
YOU!
WHA-
YAAAAA
BONK
THE NATION'S AFFAIRS? AN ATTRIBUTE VALUE?
MUMBLE
ARE THERE UNLOCK CONDITIONS?


HEY! HARUKA DROPPED DOWN!
MAN, THIS TEMPLE'S FRAGILE! SHE JUST FELL THROUGH THE FLOOR LIKE THAT!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO BROKE IT, OB-DUMMY
IT'S OB-DIMA!
QUIT TEASING, ZARABI!

I JUST GOT A BIT WORKED UP AND STOMPED MY FOOT, THAT'S ALL!
GEH!
HEY, I CAN'T GO DOWN HERE, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
LOOKS LIKE A BARRIER. IT IS THE HOLY MAIDEN'S TEMPLE, EVEN THOUGH IT'S FALLING APART
TAP
HARUKA FELL THROUGH, THOUGH!
DEMON
KNOCK KNOCK
ENEMY SOLDIERS!
WELL, WE'VE DONE WHAT WE CAN, LET'S JUST GO HOME!

YOU BASTARD!!!
HOW DARE YOU ATTACK THE HOLY MAIDEN!!!
YOU SAID ANY-WAY YOU WERE JUST "SIGHTSEEING" BUT YOU NEVER CAME HOME, SO I HAD TO FIND YOU
BE-CAUSE I-
TREM
BLE
CRACK CRACK
JUST SHUT UP A MOMENT, WILL YA?!
CRACK
TENDOU-SAN'S GONE!? AND SO ARE ROSWALD AND TOTON!
OH
AH!
SO NOISY!

CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
WAA-
A
A
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CRACK
RUMBLE
SATO-
!
HEY!
AH, JEEZ!!!
OH
YOU DID IT AGAIN
YOU'RE PRETTY CRUEL, SADISMA -SAN
THIS PLACE IS SO FRAGILE !!!

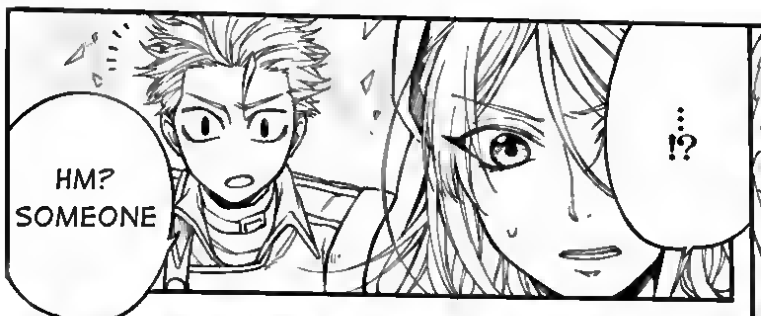
WHOOSH
NO-
WHOOSH
NO WAY! NO WAY! NO WAY!
I'M FALLING! I'M FALLING!
I'M GONNA DIE!!!
...WAIT!
MY ABILITY!
I'VE GOTTA USE IT!
AAAAAAAA
IT'S FINE, THEY'RE NOT WATCHING!
I'VE GOTTA MAKE SOMETHING TO SAVE US!
THINK!
THE USUAL SOLUTION IS LIKE THIS!
SLOWS
SHOCK WAVE
REACTION
GROUND
THE IMAGE IS BARE-BONES BECAUSE SHE'S IN A CHAOTIC SITUATION

SO IMAGINE A DESIGN FOR "A SHIELD THAT BLOWS A SUDDEN GUST"!
THINK
THINK
THINK
TO KEEP IT SOFT, I'LL USE WIND
IT NEEDS TO BE A SHIELD FOR THE SURFACE AREA
GO...
CRACKLE
HEY
NO!
KR-ZAP!
THE DESIGN DOESN'T MATTER!
SORRY ABOUT THIS! I JUST LOSE CONTROL OF MY TEMPER SOMETIMES!
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE AN ENEMY, THIS ISN'T A VERY GOOD WAY TO...
HUH?
WHOOSH
DID YOU JUST...
MAKE...

WHOOOOOAA!
BOOOOM!
I WAS SEEN
BY THE ENEMY!!!
AH, BUT THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT-
THUD
GROUND
WHOOSH
THAT
AH?
WHOOSH

IT WAS THE CHIEF MAGICIAN'S MAGIC!
MASTER
ARE YOU OK? BE CAREFUL!
I'M COMING DOWN TO GET YOU
WHOOSH
THUD
DROP
YO!
LET'S HAVE A CHAT
THUMP!
WOBBLE
AGH!
SIGH
PANT
PANT
HAHA
WE WERE SAVED!
WE REALLY WERE...
BUT

OK?
BAM!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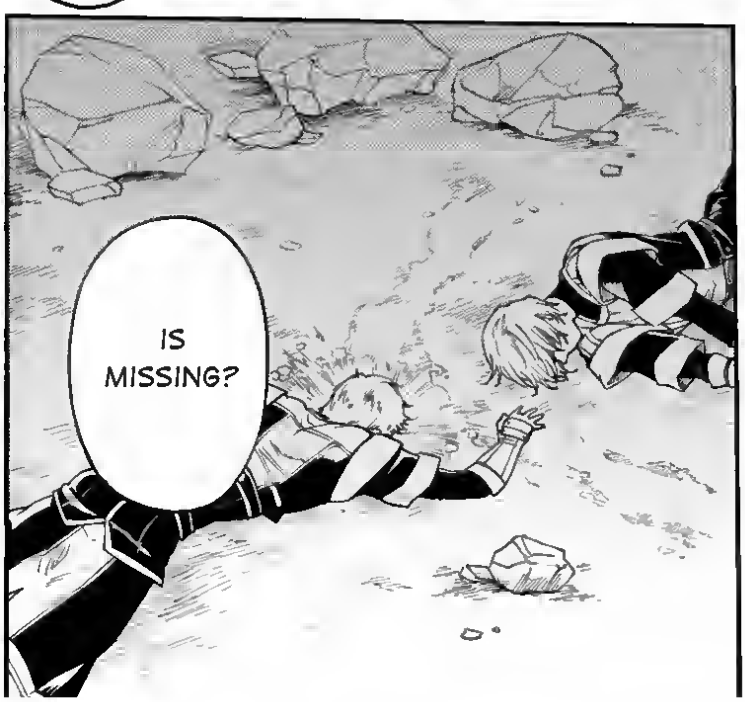
IS MISSING?

WHOOSH

? ?
HEY, YOU WOKE UP!
DON'T MOVE AROUND TOO MUCH OR YOU'LL FALL AGAIN
SINCE WE'RE ON THE TEMPLE'S ROOF
HERE
EVERYONE'S STILL LOOKING THROUGH THE RUBBLE, SO IT'S A PERFECT TIME TO TALK
SO,
I'M OBDIMA
I'M... KIND OF A SOLDIER. FROM RAAKU, THE COUNTRY FIGHTING YOURS
AND YOU?
WHAT...?

I SEE!
SATOKI
I...
I'M... SATOKI
WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?
YOU HAVE THE HOLY MAIDEN'S POWER, DON'T YOU?
WHAT A MESS...
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE, THIS IS PRETTY CONVENIENT FOR ME
?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON
BUT YOU JUST MATERIALIZED SOMETHING, DIDN'T YA?
WHEN I FOUND HARUKA IN THE CASTLE, SHE DIDN'T USE ANY POWER AT ALL

I'M GONNA MAKE HARUKA MY BRIDE, SO WHY DON'T YOU TAKE HER PLACE AS HOLY MAIDEN!
IT'S SETTLED!
WHAT?!
I KINDA FELL IN LOVE WITH HARUKA AT FIRST SIGHT! BUT THE HOLY MAIDEN IS OUR ARMY'S NATURAL ENEMY, YOU KNOW?
DAD WOULD NEVER APPROVE.
BUT SINCE THERE'S A SUCCESSOR, I CAN MAKE HER QUIT, AND MY PROBLEM'S SOLVED! NOW I CAN TAKE HER HOME!
TEE
HEE
UM, SORRY, BUT HAS TEN- HAS THE HOLY MAIDEN APPROVED OF THIS PLAN?
EH? I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANYONE ELSE IN THE WAY, SO ISN'T IT FINE?
IT'S MY DECISION, AFTER ALL
A TYRANT ?!!
SIN-CERE EYES
UM, YOU KNOW, THE MAIDEN IS ALREADY WITH SOMEONE...
A BOYFRIEND, I GUESS?
ANYWAY

I-I CAN'T JUST DO THAT!
SO? WHO CARES? IF YOU WANT TO DO IT, THEN YOU SHOULD DO IT
WHY ARE YOU LETTING SOMEONE ELSE BE THE HOLY MAIDEN IF YOU'RE THE ONE WITH THE POWER?
EEK! HE CAME OVER!
FREEZE
I DIDN'T ASK FOR IT EITHER...
BE- BECAUSE I'M NOT A GOOD FIT FOR IT
WH- WHATEVER, ANYWAY-
HOW CAN I ESCAPE?
THE FLOW OF THINGS JUST DIDN'T WORK OUT THAT WAY. I CAN'T FIGHT AGAINST THE CURRENT!
WHAT?
SO, IF THE FLOW WAS IN YOUR FAVOR, YOU WOULD'VE DONE IT?
!
!?
SO IT'S NOT THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT
WELL, THAT MAKES SENSE. OF COURSE ANYONE WOULD WANT TO BE THE HERO OF THE STORY!
AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE "HOLY MAIDEN", AFTER ALL

YOU ARE HERO!!
MENTAL IMAGE
SHE'S THE ONE WHO SAVES THE WHOLE COUNTRY! I BET YOU'D GET PAMPERED AND SPOILED WITH GIFTS!
WHOO!
EVERYONE WOULD THINK WELL OF YOU AND PRAISE YOU, AND YOU'D BE THE CENTER OF ATTENTION!
OH YEAH!
I HEARD THAT YOU MADE AN AMAZING SWORD SUPER FAST, AND EVERYONE WAS OVERJOYED!
EVEN IF YOU'RE QUIET, YOU'RE THE STAR OF THE SHOW! AND IF YOU DO A GOOD JOB, ALL THE CREDIT GOES TO YOU!
I THINK IT'D BE SUPER SATISFYING, BUT YOU'RE OKAY WITH HANDING THE GLORY OFF TO SOMEONE ELSE?
ALL THAT?
EVEN THOUGH YOU COULD TAKE IT ALL FOR YOURSELF?

"SAVIOR"
"OUR COUNTRY'S GUARDIAN"
FOR ME?
"HOLY MAIDEN"
"HOLY MAIDEN"
ZAP
CRACK
SWORD OF EGIN
BOOM
MY SOLDIERS WERE BLOWN AWAY, I WASN'T LIKE ALLOWED IN THE BOOM! FIGHT, THOUGH
OH, AND SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE WITH THE POWER, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CONJURED THE SWORD IN THAT BATTLE, RIGHT?
THAT WAS INCREDIBLE! MY HEART WAS BEATING OUT OF MY CHEST!
I WAS THERE!
WELL, THAT'S A NICE EXPRESSION!

JUST NOW
I WANT TO FIGHT YOU AT YOUR STRONGEST!
BATTLE CRAZY
THAT'S WHY I DON'T WANT TO GET RID OF THE "HOLY MAIDEN," BECAUSE THE BATTLES FINALLY GOT FUN!
WERE THOSE WORDS MEANT
...!
AND SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE ANYMORE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE AN EVEN MORE AMAZING SWORD, RIGHT?
THWANG!
SNAP
EEK!
WHOOSH
SATOKI!
YEAH?
FOR "ME"?

OH, IT'S THE NOISY GUYS
MAS-TER!
ma-aaa!!!
di-
THERE YOU ARE!
SWISH
SORRY WE TOOK SO LONG! HURRY, OVER HERE!
Ob-
WE'LL TALK AGAIN LATER!
BOING
Hey!
You're running away?!
You coward!!!
WHOA, WHOA, MAIRA-KUN, YOU'RE GONNA FALL!
CALM DOWN
AH-
ARE YOU OK?
I CAN'T TELL HIM...
YES, I'M ALRIGHT
...
OH!
UM... HOW IS TENDOU-SAN?

YAY!
HOLY MAIDEN!
HARUKA!
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE SAFE!
FOR REAL!
WE CAN'T CROSS THE BARRIER EITHER
WE JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEY RETURN
WHAT HAPPENED?
...!?
HA-RU-KA...
SORRY WE TOOK SO LONG!
?
I THINK WE COMPLETED THE CEREMONY ...
OI! OI! OI!

"SO IF THE FLOW WAS IN YOUR FAVOR, YOU WOULD HAVE DONE IT?"
WOULD IT HAVE BEEN LIKE THAT?
WELL, THAT WOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN A SITUATION WHERE I COULDN'T "GO AGAINST THE FLOW"
OR MAYBE I REALLY DO WANT TO BE OVER "THERE"
HOW ABOUT WE GO BACK TO THE INN?
WELL, ANYWAY, THAT KIND OF "FLOW"
WOULD NEVER HAPPEN
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, DOES SATOKI-SAN NOT HAVE THE HOLY MAIDEN'S ABILITY?
WAH!
SPURT
WHOA!

WHAT'S WITH EVERYONE? EVEN JET-SAN'S BRINGING THIS UP ALL OF A SUDDEN!
WHAT IS THIS?!
I WAS CURIOUS HOW THEY DECIDED WHICH ONE OF YOU WAS THE HOLY MAIDEN, SINCE YOU WERE BOTH SUMMONED AT THE SAME TIME
GUARDING PART-TIME
NOT REALLY?
IT'S NOT THAT SUDDEN, IT'S JUST THAT THINGS HAVE FINALLY SETTLED DOWN AND WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT
AH, WELL I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THAT, TOO
WHAT'S WRONG?
TERRACE OF THE INN
N-NOTHING
IT WAS JUST A SMOOTH TRAN-SITION
She is so beautiful!!!
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, IT WAS KUSHA WHO DECLARED THAT HARUKA-SAN WAS THE ONE
NO REAL INSPECTION WAS CARRIED OUT...
THAT SAID, HARUKA-SAN ACTUALLY WIELDS THE POWER, SO KUSHA WAS RIGHT ANYWAY
PRESENT DURING SUMMONING CEREMONY
OH!
BUT SATOKI WAS SUMMONED THE SAME WAY, SO...
SO IT WOULDN'T BE WEIRD IF SHE HAD THE SAME ABILITY, RIGHT?
THIS IS...
TH...

I HAVE A FEELING ALL MY PROBLEMS WOULD BE SOLVED
IF IT HAPPENED LIKE THAT...
OR AT THE VERY LEAST, I WOULDN'T BE DRIVEN OUT ANYMORE!
I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THOUGH
SINCE EVERYONE INSISTS
WELL THEN, HOW ABOUT I GIVE IT A TRY!
I REALLY DID HAVE THE POWER!
POOF
AH! SOMETHING APPEARED!
WOW
THANKS FOR SCOUTING
Eh?
WE'RE BACK
WELCOME!
A PLAN TO MAKE ANOTHER HOLY MAIDEN?
GATHER
I HEARD SOME-THING ABOUT THE HOLY MAIDEN...
YOUNG LADY, WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT OUT?
OH, WHAT'S THIS? SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
BUT IS IT REALLY OK TO GO WITH THE FLOW LIKE THAT?

ALREADY? THIS IS...
UH, TH-THEN
OOF...
EVEN IF THERE ARE TWO HOLY MAIDENS I'LL PROTECT YOU BOTH!
OH, A BIG ADVANTAGE!
HMM, TRUE
NO HARM IN TRYING
IF YOU CAN DO IT, THERE'LL BE TWO HOLY MAIDENS, AND OUR BATTLE STRENGTH WILL GO WAY UP!
DO IT!
I COULD BECOME A-HOLY MAIDEN...
I GUESS I'LL TRY IT...?
I, TOO
IF I GO WITH THIS FLOW

I DIDN'T MAKE ANYTHING
NO GUTS
CHEER UP! I COULDN'T DO IT WHEN I WAS STARTING, EITHER
HOOT HOOT
AH. BUT OF COURSE IF YOU *WANT* TO DO IT
THAT'S FINE-
HUH?
HOUMA-SAN?
WHY AM I SO...
SQUIRM...
BUT IF YOU BECAME A HOLY MAIDEN, YOU'D GET MIXED UP IN EVERYTHING
SO I'M KIND OF RELIEVED

DUMP
NO ONE'S LOSING ANYTHING, ANYWAY!
YOU'RE NOT EVEN STEALING THE TITLE OF "HOLY MAIDEN"!! ..RIGHT?
YO! I CAME TO FINISH OUR TALK!
OUR MEETING ON HOW TO SWAP OUT HOLY MAIDENS, OR SOME-THING!
BUT YOU WON'T REFUSE, RIGHT?
SHOCK
THAT'S-
I HAVEN'T AGREED TO ANYTHING YET!
THUMP

...YOU KNOW, OBDIMA-SAN
NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO BECOME THE "MAIN CHARACTER"
SO
SHAKE!
LET'S JUST SAY WE HAVE AN ALLIANCE
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4 | PANEL EXTRAS!

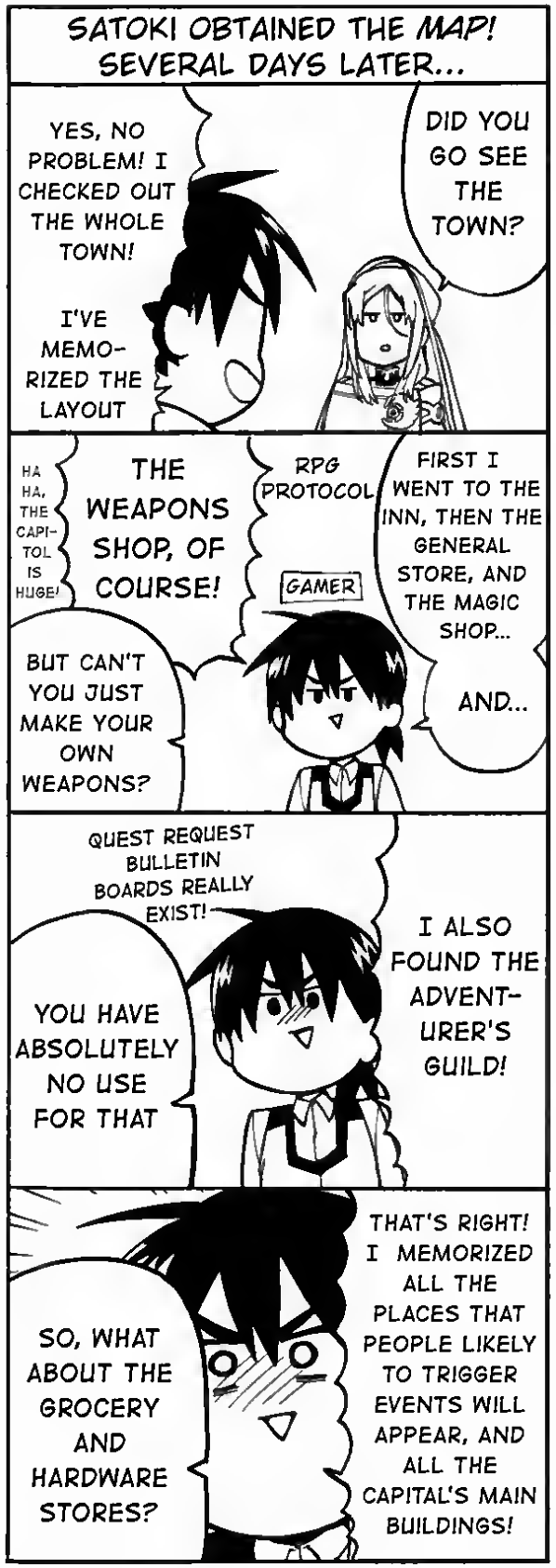
HELLO! SATOKI HERE!

AT FIRST I FELT GOOD ABOUT THE COVER DESIGN, BUT NOW I'M REGRETTING IT.

THE TEACHER AND STUDENT BETWEEN CHAPTERS 3 AND 4

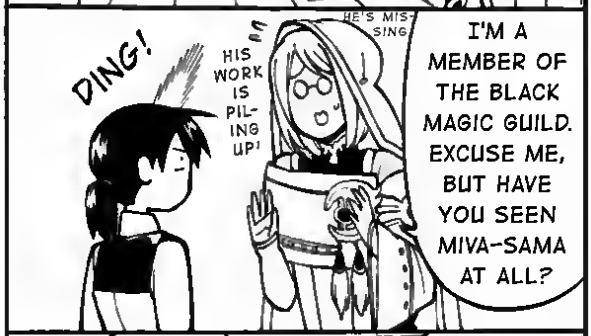
PERSON WHO ENDED UP TAKING CARE OF HER
CLINK
THIS IS ONE MONTH'S WORTH
THOUGH YOU WERE DRIVEN OUT OF THE CASTLE, THEY DECIDED TO SUPPLY SOME OF YOUR LIVING EXPENSES
THE FOOD THAT WAS LEFT HERE RAN OUT, AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO!
THIS IS A GYULA COIN. THIS IS AN EO COIN. ONE EO IS WORTH A HUNDRED GYULA.
HERE'S THE NUMBER
I CLINK
OH, THANK GOOD-NESS!
REALLY? THEN YOU DON'T NEED A TOUR? I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU ONE, BUT...
Eh?!
I'M GOOD WITH MAPS!
ALSO, HERE'S A MAP OF THE ROYAL CITY
OH! WITH THIS I'LL NEVER GET LOST!
AH, MAN! I CAN'T TELL IF THIS GUY'S GOT A HEART OR NOT!
N-NO, I'D BE HONORED TO GO WITH YOU-
I'M NOT GOING IF YOU DON'T NEED IT
IT'S ANNOYING

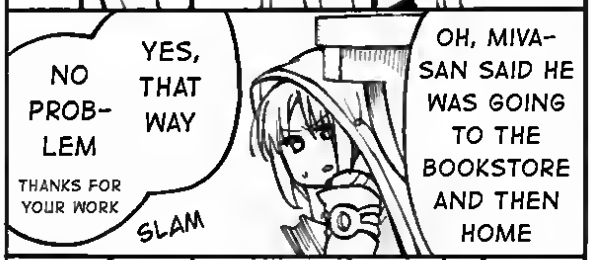
THE SYSTEM'S "RECOVER 100 HP" EFFECT
IS IT IM-MED-I-ATE?
SUCH A MEDICINE REALLY EXISTS! YOUR WOUNDS HEAL JUST BY DRINKING IT!
TA-DA!
AT THE MAGIC SHOP THEY WERE SELLING... A "RECOVERY POTION"!!!
AH...
10G EACH
SO NO, IT WON'T HEAL WOUNDS INSTANTA-NEOUSLY
WH AT !!!?
ACTUALLY THIS JUST STIMULATES THE BODY'S INTERNAL MAGIC, WHICH SPEEDS UP THE NATURAL HEALING PROCESS
ONE GULP AND YOUR WOUNDS ARE GONE!
IT GIVES YOU A BURST OF ENERGY!
BUT THE WAY THE SHOP EXPLAINED IT WAS A WAY MORE DRAMATIC AND AMAZING HEALING!
UH, THAT WAS PROBABLY JUST
IT'S BECOME A BIG PROBLEM IN THE CAPITAL...
FALSE ADVERT-IZING
OH... I SEE...


SATOKI OBTAINED THE MAP! SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
DID YOU GO SEE THE TOWN?
YES, NO PROBLEM! I CHECKED OUT THE WHOLE TOWN!
I'VE MEMO-RIZED THE LAYOUT
HA HA, THE CAPI-TOL IS HUGE!
THE WEAPONS SHOP, OF COURSE!
RPG PROTOCOL
GAMER
FIRST I WENT TO THE INN, THEN THE GENERAL STORE, AND THE MAGIC SHOP...
AND...
BUT CAN'T YOU JUST MAKE YOUR OWN WEAPONS?
QUEST REQUEST BULLETIN BOARDS REALLY EXIST!
I ALSO FOUND THE ADVENT-URER'S GUILD!
YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO USE FOR THAT
THAT'S RIGHT! I MEMORIZED ALL THE PLACES THAT PEOPLE LIKELY TO TRIGGER EVENTS WILL APPEAR, AND ALL THE CAPITAL'S MAIN BUILDINGS!
SO, WHAT ABOUT THE GROCERY AND HARDWARE STORES?

SOMEHOW BECAME A 5-PANEL

LATER, THE MASTER AND DISCIPLE





I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AT ALL!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO SKIP WORK, YOU NEED TO BE WITH THE HEROINE*. OTHERWISE IT'S NOT CUTE AND THERE'S NO POINT!

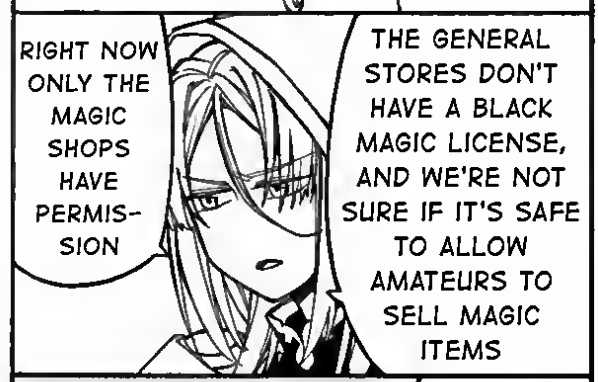
*TENDOU-SAN

MY MASTER IS THE CHIEF MAGICIAN

A BIG SHOT!

SO THAT MEANS PEOPLE LIKE ADVENTURERS CARRY THEM, RIGHT?
I GUESS
OH YEAH, THE GENERAL STORE WAS SELLING THIS, TOO. THEY CALLED IT A "BATTLE AID!"

IT'S A DRINK, BUT IT'S ALSO MANU-FACTURED BY BLACK MAGIC
WHAT ?!
IT'S TRUE THAT THEIR WOUNDS WILL HEAL QUICKLY, AFTER ALL... HOWEVER, THAT STORE IS ILLEGAL. TELL ME WHERE IT IS


RIGHT NOW ONLY THE MAGIC SHOPS HAVE PERMIS-SION
THE GENERAL STORES DON'T HAVE A BLACK MAGIC LICENSE, AND WE'RE NOT SURE IF IT'S SAFE TO ALLOW AMATEURS TO SELL MAGIC ITEMS

R-Really ...
ARE WE TALKING ABOUT A MEDICAL SUPPLIES BLACK MARKET?
WE'RE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING PROPOSALS ON HOW TO REGULATE GENERAL STORE SALES

MANGA AFTERWARD

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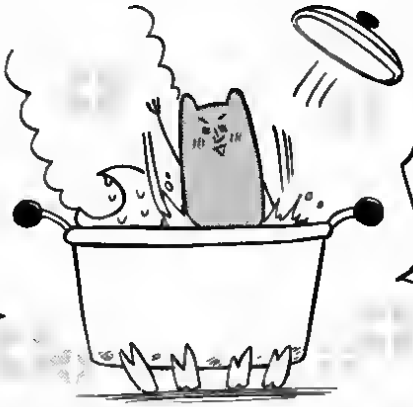
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PURCHASING *PLUS ALPHA STATUS!*



I'M GEN!!

HELLO TO BOTH NEWCOMERS AND LONG-TIME READERS!

THIS WAS ALL THANKS TO MY GOD-LIKE SUPERVISOR, WHO ALWAYS SMILED AND SAVED ME REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY TIMES I TROUBLED HER, TO EVERYONE IN EDITING, TO EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE MAKING OF THE BOOK, TO MY FAMILY WHO ALWAYS HELPED ME OUT, AND TO MY READERS!!!

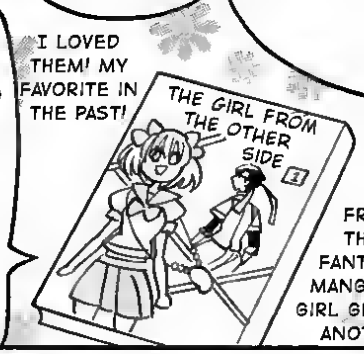
SERIOUSLY, SERIOUSLY, THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

THIS IS MY FIRST MONTHLY SERIALIZATION--WELL, EVERY OTHER MONTH. BUT IT WAS HARD, AND I WORRIED ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN. BUT I SOMEHOW MADE IT TO A FULL VOLUME!

"FOR A LOT OF REASONS, I COULD NEVER BE THE HERO!!!" IS WHAT I ALWAYS END UP THINKING

NOW THEN, ABOUT *PLUS ALPHA*... WELL, THE STORY WAS INSPIRED BY MY "*IF I WERE SUMMONED TO ANOTHER WORLD*" DAYDREAMS

"EVEN SO, BEING SUMMONED MIGHT BE FUN..." OR SO EVERYONE THINKS! AND THAT'S HOW THE STORY CAME ABOUT. DID SATOKI'S FLUSTERED PERSONALITY MAKE YOU LAUGH?



THE BOOK SATOKI BORROWED FROM HER FRIEND IN CH. 1, THE TYPE OF FANTASY SHOUJO MANGA WHERE THE GIRL GETS CALLED TO ANOTHER WORLD

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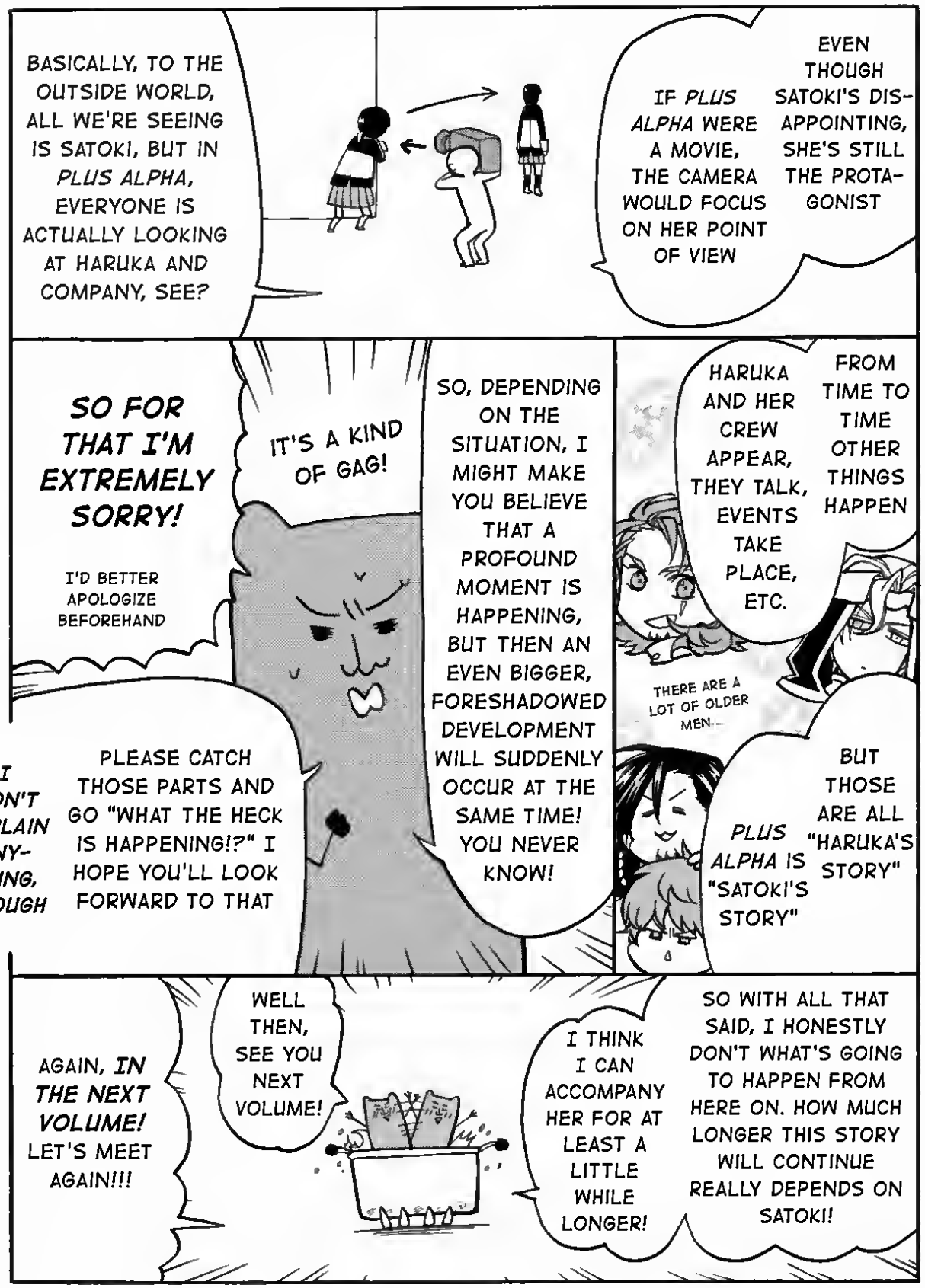
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, *PLUS ALPHA* HAS A VOLUME NUMBER!!!

MATH IS AMAZING !!!

I'M SO HAPPY!!! NEXT UP WILL BE NUMBER "2"!!!


BASICALLY, TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, ALL WE'RE SEEING IS SATOKI, BUT IN *PLUS ALPHA*, EVERYONE IS ACTUALLY LOOKING AT HARUKA AND COMPANY, SEE?
IF *PLUS ALPHA* WERE A MOVIE, THE CAMERA WOULD FOCUS ON HER POINT OF VIEW
EVEN THOUGH SATOKI'S DISAPPOINTING, SHE'S STILL THE PROTAGONIST
SO FOR THAT I'M EXTREMELY SORRY!
I'D BETTER APOLOGIZE BEFOREHAND
IT'S A KIND OF GAG!
SO, DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION, I MIGHT MAKE YOU BELIEVE THAT A PROFOUND MOMENT IS HAPPENING, BUT THEN AN EVEN BIGGER, FORESHADOWED DEVELOPMENT WILL SUDDENLY OCCUR AT THE SAME TIME! YOU NEVER KNOW!
HARUKA AND HER CREW APPEAR, THEY TALK, EVENTS TAKE PLACE, ETC.
FROM TIME TO TIME OTHER THINGS HAPPEN
THERE ARE A LOT OF OLDER MEN...
I WON'T EXPLAIN ANYTHING, THOUGH
PLEASE CATCH THOSE PARTS AND GO "WHAT THE HECK IS HAPPENING!?" I HOPE YOU'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THAT
PLUS ALPHA IS "SATOKI'S STORY"
BUT THOSE ARE ALL "HARUKA'S STORY"
AGAIN, ***IN THE NEXT VOLUME!*** LET'S MEET AGAIN!!!
WELL THEN, SEE YOU NEXT VOLUME!
I THINK I CAN ACCOMPANY HER FOR AT LEAST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER!
SO WITH ALL THAT SAID, I HONESTLY DON'T WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN FROM HERE ON. HOW MUCH LONGER THIS STORY WILL CONTINUE REALLY DEPENDS ON SATOKI!

SUPER LONG CHAPTER, PLUS EXTRAS! I NEVER WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THROUGH IT EXCEPT BLACK-AGEHA VOLUNTEERED TO CLEAN AND REDRAW THE RAWS! SO I'M PRETTY MUCH VESTIGIAL AT THIS POINT, JUST ASSEMBLING THE WORK OF THE TRUE ARTISTS. NEXT CHAPTER--VOLUME 2--IS EVEN LONGER (BUT NO EXTRAS), PLUS THERE ARE HOLIDAYS COMING UP, SO DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING SOON.

REHOSTING POLICY: I DON'T CARE ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT SO FEEL FREE TO RESIZE THIS OR PUT IT ANYWHERE. THE ORIGINAL IS ON BATOTO. JUST DON'T REMOVE THIS PAGE OR CLAIM IT AS YOUR OWN WORK. THANKS!

TRANSLATOR: PLUMJUICE
REDRAWER: BLACK-AGEHA